IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

MICHAEL J. CURRAN,

Plaintiff,

v. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:05-CV-0870

(JUDGE KOSIK)

JOANNE B. BARNHART,

Commissioner of Social Security, :

:

Defendant.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

AND NOW, THIS 26^{th} DAY OF APRIL, 2006, IT APPEARING TO THE COURT THAT:

- [1] On April 29, 2005, plaintiff filed the above-captioned action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 405(g), seeking review of defendant's decision to deny plaintiff's claim for Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income;
 - [2] the case was assigned to Magistrate Judge Thomas M. Blewitt;
- [3] appropriate briefs were filed by the parties and the Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation on March 22, 2006;
- [4] in his Report and Recommendation, the Magistrate Judge concluded that the decision of the Commissioner was supported by substantial evidence and he recommended that the plaintiff's appeal be denied;
- [5] neither plaintiff nor defendant filed objections to the Report and Recommendation.

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT:

[6] If no objections are filed to a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, the Court need not conduct a *de novo* review of plaintiff's claims. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150-53, 106 S.Ct. 466 (1985). Nonetheless, the usual practice of the district court is to give "reasoned consideration" to a magistrate judge's report prior to adopting it. *Henderson v. Carlson*, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3rd Cir. 1987);

[7] having examined the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, we agree with his recommendation to deny plaintiff's appeal. We concur with the Magistrate Judge's analysis of the issues raised in plaintiff's appeal and find the Magistrate Judge's review of the record to be comprehensive. Because we find that the Magistrate Judge adequately addressed the issues raised by plaintiff, we will adopt the Magistrate Judge's recommendation to deny plaintiff's appeal.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- [1] The Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Thomas M. Blewitt dated March 22, 2006 (Doc. 10) is **adopted**;
 - [2] plaintiff's appeal is denied; and,
- [3] the Clerk of Court is directed to close this case, and forward a copy of this Memorandum and Order to the Magistrate Judge.

s/Edwin M. Kosik
United States District Judge